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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-311-C - ORDER NO. 96-789

NOVEMBER 15, 1996

IN RE: Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated APPROVING by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. AGREEMENT and Competitive Communications, Inc.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Competitive Communications, Inc. (Competitive), pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).

The Commission has examined this agreement, and finds that it is consistent with the standards set out by Section 252(a)(1) of the Act, and should be approved as filed, since it is not discriminatory, and is consistent with the public interest, in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of this interconnection agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy

Executive Director

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